

On page 34, amend the Abstract as follows:

~~Data collection and display representative of at least one characteristic relevant to a viability product contained in a sealed package, via monitoring at least one characteristic associated with a state condition of said product. A viability state condition may be related to probability of degradation of the product. The monitoring may include analyzing data associated with at least one said characteristic and, based on said analyzing, determining at least one critical date of said product which may be displayed. When current state of viability can be predicted, freezing said display with said signal representative of an expiration or maturity state condition, or dynamically altering a display accordingly. Options for displaying a history of said characteristic may be provided.~~ Data associated with at least one characteristic associated with the viability of a product is monitored. The data associated with the at least one characteristic is analyzed, and based on the analyzing, at least one future viability state condition of the product is predicted. At least one indicator is displayed related to the at least one future viability state condition.